THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Rural Development have advised all the State Governments/ UT Administrations not to finalise the BPL list unitl the next hearing of the Supreme Court in People's Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL) Writ Petition No. 196 of 2001 following direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

Transfer of Power to Panchayats

2513. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Seventy-Third Amendment to the Constitution stipulated the transfer of power and functions to Panchayati institutions as a part of the decentralization processes;

(b) if so, the action taken and progress with respect of the transfer of funds, functions and functionaries to Panchayati Raj bodies, State-wise as on date; and

(c) whether there is any suggestion to amend the Constitution to develop financial powers to Panchayats; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In terms of Articles 243-G and 243-H of the Constitution States may by law devolve administrative and financial authority and power on Panchayats, including in terms of devolution of the 29 subjects listed in the Schedule XI. The Ministry of Rural Development has been urging the States and Union Territories to devolve funds, functions and functionaries and financial powers through correspondence, meetings and conferences with Ministers etc. A Statement showing the devolution of 29 subjects is placed (*See* below).

(c) and (d) The suggestion of an amendment is being examined.

Statement

Status of Devolution

S.No. States/UTs	No. of subject devolved for		
	Funds	Functions	Functionaries
1. Andhra Pradesh	05	17	02
2. Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	-
3. Assam	-	29	-
4. Bihar	8	25	-
5. Chhattisgarh	10	29	09
6. Goa	6	6	-
7. Gujarat	15	15	15
8. Haryana	-	16	-
9. Himachal Pradesh	02	26	11
10. Jammu & Kashmir			
11. Jharkhand	-	-	-
12. Karnataka	29	29	29
13. Kerala	26	26	26
14. Madhya Pradesh	10	23	09
15. Maharashtra	18	18	18
16. Manipur	-	22	04
17. Meghalaya	73rd Amendment Act not applicable		
18. Mizoram	73rd Amendment Act not applicable		
19. Nagaland	73rd Amendment Act not applicable		
20. Orissa	05	25	21
21. Punjab	-	-7	-
22. Rajasthan	-	29	-
23. Sikkim	24	24	24
24. Tamilnadu	-	29	-
25. Tripura	-	12	-
26. Uttar Pradesh	12	13	09
27. Uttaranchal		11	11
28. West Bengal	12	29	12
29. A & N Islands	06	06	06
30. D & N Haveli	-	03	03
31. Daman & Diu	05	09	03
32. Lakshadweep	-	06	-
33. Chandigarh	-	-	-
34 NCT Delhi	State PR Act under suspension.		
35. Pondicherry	-	-	-